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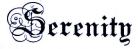
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■QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS OUR CHAIRMAN HAS STATED, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OF A GENERAL INTEREST, YOU'LL BE SO KIND TO RAISE YOUR HANDS, I WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHARE OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH YOU.

QUESTION: "WOULD YOU SPEAK ON HOW TO BALANCE THE MENTAL AND THE SPIRITUAL WORLDS?"

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE LADY'S QUESTION IS IN REFERENCE TO BALANCING OUR MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLD. I AM SURE WE ARE ALL VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE MANY THINGS WE FIND OURSELF ATTACHED TO. WE MUST REMEMBER, MY GOOD FRIENDS, THAT WHATEVER IN LIFE THAT WE IDENTIFY WITH, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT. WE CANNOT BE ATTACHED, OF COURSE, TO ANYTHING THAT WE DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH, FOR WHAT WE DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH WE ARE NOT BOUND BY.

IN BALANCING OUR MENTAL WORLD WITH OUR SPIRITUAL WORLD, WE FIRST MUST UNDERSTAND THAT OUR MENTAL WORLD IS TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH IT. IT IS KNOWN IN MANY PHILOSOPHIES AS THE THOUGHT OF "I," THE OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH WHAT IS KNOWN AS SELF. WE MUST ASK OURSELF THEN, "WHAT IS SELF?" WHEN WE ASK THAT QUESTION, "WHO AM I AND WHAT AM I?" THE FIRST THING THAT RISES IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS ARE THOSE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED WITH. AND SO IT IS THAT THE OBSTRUCTIONS ALONG OUR PATH IN LIFE ARE THE

THINGS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH. THAT THAT IS PAST IS PASSED ONLY WHEN WE PERMIT IT TO BE.

SO OFTEN AS WE FACE THE SEEMING NEW EXPERIENCES IN LIFE, WE FIND THE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE EXPERIENCES TO EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE LONG PASSED IN OUR LIFE. BUT WE CALL THEM FORTH, THESE SHADOWS, AND ONCE AGAIN EXPERIENCE SIMILAR EVENTS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE BY THE LAW OF IDENTIFICATION. MAN HAS, AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, THE DIVINE RIGHT OF CHOICE. HE MAY CHOOSE THE ETERNAL MOMENT KNOWN AS THE PRESENT, AND IN SO DOING AND THAT STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND THAT STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS ONLY, CAN BE ESTABLISH FOR HIMSELF NEW LAWS TO REAP A BETTER HARVEST THAN HE HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED. THAT TAKES DAILY EFFORT.

SO OFTEN ALONG THE SPIRITUAL PATH, TO BRING ABOUT A BALANCE BETWEEN THE FORMLESS AND FREE, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE SPIRIT, AND THE BONDAGE OF CREATION, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE WORLD OF FORM, WE FIND GREAT DIFFICULTY AND MUCH DISCOURAGEMENT. BUT WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER. DISCOURAGEMENT, A SENSE FUNCTION, A FUNCTION OF THE HUMAN MIND, RISES UP TO PROTECT AND TO DEFEND THE EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES OF YESTERDAY WHICH WE INSIST UPON BEING IDENTIFIED WITH. IT IS BECAUSE WE IDENTIFY THAT WE HOLD AND WE BIND. AND WE FIND IN OUR LIVES MANY TIMES THERE ARE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE FREED FROM. THE PRINCIPLE OF IDENTIFICATION IS NOT LIMITED. WHEN WE FIND OURSELF OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH ANYTHING, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE LAW OF OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH ANYTHING THAT BRINGS INTEREST INTO OUR LIFE. AND SO IT IS THAT OUR ATTACHMENTS IN OUR LIFE SOONER OR LATER THEY BECOME OUR ADVERSITIES IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT THE ETERNAL FREEDOM WHICH IS OUR DIVINE BIRTHRIGHT.

WE HAVE A SIMPLE SAYING IN THIS PHILOSOPHY THAT CLEARLY STATES TO "PUT GOD IN IT, OR TO (continued page 4) 3

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FORGET IT." NOW IT IS INDEED HUMAN TO FORGIVE,
BUT WE MUST REMEMBER THAT IT IS DIVINE TO
FORGET. THE HUMAN INSTRUMENT IS DESIGNED TO
RECORD, TO GATHER AND TO GARNER ALL THINGS UNTO
ITSELF. AND THEREFORE, IT IS NOT WITHIN THE
POWER NOR THE POSSIBILITY OF THE HUMAN MIND TO
FORGET. WE MUST RISE IN CONSCIOUSNESS AND BE
FREE FROM THE IDENTIFICATION TO CREATION OR
FORM TO EXPRESS OUR DIVINITY WHICH IS TO
FORGET. BECAUSE WITHOUT FORGETTING, WE CANNOT
TRULY BE FREE OR EVER EXPERIENCE THE TRUTH THAT
BRINGS US THE HEAVEN WHICH IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT. I
DO HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION. THANK
YOU.

QUESTION: "THE THOUGHT OF 'I;' HOW DO YOU GET AWAY FROM THAT IN APPLYING DISCIPLINE TO GET TO CONCENTRATION AND PEACE EVENTUALLY?"

ANSWER: WHEN, IN REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION. "HOW DO WE FREE OURSELF FROM THE THOUGHT OF "I," AND ESTABLISH DISCIPLINE THAT WE MAY EXPERIENCE CONCENTRATION WHICH, OF COURSE, IS THE KEY TO ALL POWER. FIRST WE UNDERSTAND, HOPEFULLY, OR MAKE THE EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND, THAT IT IS NOT THE "I" BUT ONLY THE THOUGHT OF "I" THAT IS THE DELUSION THAT IS CREATED BY THE HUMAN MIND. NOW IT IS THE THOUGHT, NOT THE "I" WHICH IS THE ETERNAL BEING, BUT IT IS THE THOUGHT OF IT WHICH IS CREATED OF MENTAL SUBSTANCE WHICH GIVES UNTO THE PERSON THE FORM. FOR WE CANNOT HAVE A THOUGHT WITHOUT CREATING A FORM. ALL THOUGHT IS THE VERY SUBSTANCE FROM WHICH FORM IS CREATED. FIRST IT MUST EXIST IN A MENTAL WORLD TO BE EXPERIENCED IN A PHYSICAL WORLD. AND SO ON THE PATH OF SELF-DISCIPLINE. FOR ONLY IN CONTROL OF THE "SELF" CAN WE EVER BE FREED FROM THE SELF, WHICH IS THE THOUGHT OF "I." WE CANNOT BE FREED FROM ANYTHING THAT WE CANNOT FIRST CONTROL. THEREFORE, SELF-CONTROL. SELF-DISCIPLINE, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ARE INSEPARABLE.

WHEN MAN FIRST BECOMES AWARE OF WHAT THIS SO-CALLED THOUGHT OF "I" OR "SELF" IS OFFERING TO HIS LIFE -- FIRST WE MUST BECOME AWARE BECAUSE WE CANNOT CONTROL WHAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF -- AND WE MUST HAVE SELF-CONTROL IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE THE TRUTH AND FREEDOM WHICH IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT. NOW THE THOUGHT OF "I" IS THE VERY SUBSTANCE FROM WHENCE THE SELF IS CREATED. SELF MEANS, IN THIS PHILOSOPHY, SEPARATION. THAT WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM WE ARE NO LONGER A PART OF. THEREFORE, WHEN WE ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT OF "I," WE CREATE THE SELF-IMAGE. WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, IN TRUTH, IS A SEPARATION FROM THE DIVINE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE, A SEPARATION ONLY IN CONSCIOUSNESS, NOT A SEPARATION IN ESSENCE, FOR IT IS THE DIVINE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE THAT IS SUSTAINING EVEN THE THOUGHT THAT WE ENTERTAIN IN CONSCIOUSNESS. WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF THE SELF; WE ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THE THOUGHT OF "I." WE BECOME AWARE OF THE SELF AND IN SO DOING WE SLOWLY BUT SURELY GAIN CONTROL OVER IT. ONCE HAVING GAINED CONTROL OVER THE SELF, WE MAY PLACE IT IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE IN OUR LIFE AND IN SO DOING BE FREED FROM THE BONDAGE, THE STRUGGLES, THE DISASTERS AND THE LIMITATION THAT SELF HAS TO OFFER. THANK YOU, I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: IN MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PHILOSOPHY, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO EDUCATE OUR DESIRES...

ANSWER: OR FULFILL THEM.

QUESTION (continued): OR FULFILL THEM, ALL RIGHT? WELL, I WANT YOU TO EXPLAIN, OR GIVE ME A DEFINITION FOR DENIAL, AND ALSO A DEFINITION FOR DISCIPLINE AND THE CORRELATION, IF THERE IS ANY, BETWEEN THE TWO.

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION CONCERNING THE CORRELATION, IF ANY, BETWEEN DENIAL AND DISCIPLINE. DISCIPLINE, IF IT IS DISCIPLINE, DOES NOT DENY. IT DOES NOT (continued page 6)

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DENY THE RIGHT OF EXPRESSION, OR THE DESIRES
ENTERTAINED BY OUR MIND. IT SIMPLY PLACES THEM
UNDER THE LIGHT OF REASON AND PUTS THEM IN
THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE. NOW DISCIPLINE HAS
AS PART OF ITS EXPRESSION ALL OF THE SOUL
FACULTIES, ESPECIALLY, THE FACULTY OF
CONSIDERATION.

DENIAL DOES NOT CONTAIN THE FACULTY OF CONSIDERATION. DENIAL IS BASED UPON EXPERIENCES THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ENCOUNTERED IN OUR LIFE. IT IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON PAST EXPERIENCES AND JUDGMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED FROM THEM. THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISCIPLINE AND DENIAL. THE THINGS IN LIFE THAT WE DENY WE GUARANTEE TO EXPERIENCE, FOR WE DIRECT INFINITE INTELLIGENT ENERGY TO THE FORM OF OUR DENIAL, AND AS LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, WE GUARANTEE THE VERY EXPERIENCE. FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE BY OUR DENIAL IS PLACED OURSELF, IN CONSCIOUSNESS. ABOVE AND BEYOND THE RIGHT OF THE INFINITE ETERNAL INTELLIGENCE, KNOWN AS GOD, TO SUSTAIN ALL FORM, ALL THOUGHT AND ALL LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE CONFUSED DISCIPLINE WITH DENIAL, THEN YOU HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE DISCIPLINE, FOR IN DISCIPLINE THERE ARE NO DENIALS. THERE IS SIMPLY ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LIGHT OF REASON WHICH, OF COURSE, IS INSEPARABLE AND DEPENDENT UPON THE SOUL FACULTY OF UNDERSTANDING. CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN MAN MAKES THE EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND HIMSELF HE KNOWS, BEYOND THE SHADOW OF ANY DOUBT, THE DESIRES THAT HE ENTERTAINS IN CONSCIOUSNESS, THE ONES THAT ARE FILLED WITH CONSIDERATION, THE ONES THAT WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT HIMSELF, BUT BY SO BENEFITING HIMSELF WILL BENEFIT OTHERS AROUND AND ABOUT HIM. BECAUSE WE MUST REMEMBER, MY FRIENDS, GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELF BY HELPING OTHERS, FOR GOD WORKS THROUGH MAN, NEVER DIRECTLY TO MAN.

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GREETINGS, FRIENDS. SPEAKING THIS EVENING ON REPETITION, THE LAW OF CHANGE, AND REPETITION, THE LAW OF FORM.

AS WE VIEW CREATION, WE SEE SO MANY VARIED FORMS, AND IN OUR VIEWING, DO NOT STOP TO CONSIDER WHAT IT IS THAT IS SUSTAINING THE FORMS THAT WE VIEW. WHEREAS MAN HAS BEEN GIVEN. BY THE LAW OF MERIT OF HIS OWN EVOLUTION. CHARGE OVER ALL FORMS ON THE PLANET ON WHICH HE RESIDES, WE MUST GO BEYOND IN OUR THOUGHTS AND UNDERSTANDING AND VIEW THIS ENERGY THAT WE ARE DIRECTING BY THE LAW OF REPETITION TO SUSTAIN THESE MANY, MANY FORMS. AS ALL FORM IS AN EFFECT OF DIRECTED ENERGY, SO MAN'S PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEING CREATOR, BY BEING AN INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH ENERGY IS DIRECTED, MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY INDEED WEIGHS HEAVILY. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU BEFORE AND ASKED THAT YOU CONSIDER FLOODING YOUR MINDS OR CONSCIOUSNESS WITH CERTAIN HEALING AFFIRMATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN YOU. FOR AS YOU JOURNEY ON THROUGH SO-CALLED TIME AND SPACE, YOU WILL BECOME AWARE THAT THE HUMAN MIND IS IN A CONSTANT PROCESS OF RECORDING THOUGHT; THAT THE HUMAN MIND CAN BE LIKENED UNTO A TARGET THAT IS BEING CONSTANTLY BOMBARDED WITH DIRECTED ENERGY THROUGH WHAT IS KNOWN AS THOUGHT.

IN TIME THROUGH THIS AWARENESS THAT SLOWLY BUT SURELY TAKES PLACE, MAN BEGINS TO CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE THE TYPE OF THOUGHT FORMS THAT HE WILL PERMIT TO ENTER HIS OWN MIND. AS YOU BEGIN ON THE PATH OF CONSTANTLY AND CONSCIOUSLY FLOODING YOUR MIND OF THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR CHOICE, YOU WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE ONES THAT ARE ALREADY THERE. THEY WILL BATTLE FOR THEIR SURVIVAL, FOR THEY THROUGH MANY YEARS OF GROWTH HAVE BECOME THE RULERS OF YOUR MENTAL REALMS. IN TIME WE MOVE ABOVE AND (continued page 8)

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BEYOND THESE REALMS OF DUALITY, WE MOVE BEYOND
THESE REALMS OF THOUGHT, AND FIND A PEACE, A
QUIETUDE, A NEUTRALITY, AND THERE WE PAUSE. IT
IS IN THOSE MOMENTS OF PAUSE THAT WE ARE FREE
AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY THAT IS TRULY LIFE.

THE PATH OF NONRESISTANCE IS THE PATH OF PEACE, FOR THAT THAT WE RESIST CONTROLS US. THAT THAT WE BATTLE, WE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF. WISE IS HE WHO LEARNS THAT SIMPLE TRUTH. AND THAT SIMPLE TRUTH IS EASILY LEARNED WHEN WE SEPARATE TRUTH FROM CREATION, WHEN WE TRULY BECOME THE OBSERVER AND NOT THE OBSERVED, WHEN WE BECOME THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SHIP OF DESTINY. AND NOT THE SHIP ITSELF. FOR WE HAVE STATED TO YOU SOMETIME AGO, THAT THAT, WHATEVER IT BE. YOU GIVE THOUGHT TO, YOU GIVE POWER OVER YOU. THIS IS THE REASON THAT WE HAVE OVER THESE YEARS TRIED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE THOUGHT TO PEACE FOR IN THE POWER OF PEACE, WHICH IS KNOWN AS GOD, THERE IS NO CONTROL FOR THERE IS NO DESIRE. THERE IS NO SELF-INTEREST, THERE IS ONLY DIVINE NEUTRALITY. AS YOU GIVE YOUR THOUGHT, AND IT IS A CONSTANT PROCESS, GIVE IT TO PEACE FOR THERE IS YOUR TRUE BEING.

THE PATH OF NONRESISTANCE IS THE PATH THAT WILL FREE YOU. BUT YOU MUST FIRST, THROUGH YOUR OWN EVOLUTION, GAIN THE WISDOM THROUGH UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE NOT ALL THE THINGS OF THE CREATED MIND. AND BEING NOT THOSE THINGS, YOU HAVE NOTHING, NO THING TO DEFEND. TRUTH NEEDS NO DEFENSE. AND SO, MY GOOD STUDENTS, WHEN YOU ARE IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH, THERE IS NO RESISTANCE, FOR THERE IS NOTHING TO DEFEND.

IN THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU SPEAK YOUR WORD FORTH INTO THE UNIVERSE KNOWING THAT IT SHALL NOT COME BACK TO YOU VOID, BUT ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH YOU SEND IT TO DO. IT IS THE VERY PURPOSE OF THIS PHILOSOPHY TO HELP YOU IN HELPING YOURSELVES TO AWAKEN THAT LEVEL OF 8

CONSCIOUSNESS WITHIN YOU THAT YOU MAY STAND ON PRINCIPLE, PEACEFULLY AND JOYFULLY, KNOWING THAT WHATEVER THE MIND IS REGISTERING AT ANY MOMENT IS IN THE VERY PROCESS OF PASSING. WHAT IS IT THAT WE PERMIT OUR MINDS TO FIGHT SO HARD AND SO DIFFICULT FOR BECAUSE WE HAVE YET TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM OUR MINDS? WE MUST STEP OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE, AND WE DO THAT IN THE MOMENT THAT WE PAUSE. THAT'S WHEN WE STOP FOR A MOMENT AND THAT IS WHEN WE AWAKEN.

IN ONE OF OUR OTHER CLASSES, I SPOKE TO YOU A BIT ABOUT MY PERSONAL LIFE IN CENTURIES LONG GONE. AND IN SO SPEAKING, YOU WILL RECALL, THAT I DISCUSSED SOME OF THE REALMS THAT I HAD VISITED, AND THE MANY ORDERS THAT I HAD RECEIVED FROM THOSE WHO BELIEVED THEY HAD CHARGE OVER ME. I WAS INDEED FORTUNATE AND GRATEFUL FOR THE GUARDIAN ANGEL THAT GUIDED ME THROUGH THOSE REALMS, THAT ADVISED AND COUNSELED ME NOT TO RESIST, NOT TO STRUGGLE, NOT TO BATTLE. FOR IN SO DOING, I FREED MYSELF. FOR THROUGH NONRESISTANCE, DON'T YOU SEE, MY STUDENTS, WE DISASSOCIATE.

YOU HAVE AT ANY MOMENT THE CHOICE OF IDENTIFICATION, AND WHATEVER YOU IDENTIFY WITH, YOU BECOME A PART OF. WHEN YOU IDENTIFY WITH THE STRUGGLE, YOU BECOME THE STRUGGLE, FOR WE ARE WHAT WE BELIEVE. AND WE BELIEVE EVER IN KEEPING WITH OUR CONSCIOUS CHOICE OF IDENTIFICATION.

IDENTIFY WITH THE GOOD, THAT YOU MAY BECOME THE FULLNESS THEREOF. IDENTIFY WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF LIFE THAT YOU MAY TRULY DEMONSTRATE YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. IDENTIFY WITH HEALTH, WEALTH, AND HAPPINESS, FOR IT IS IN TRUTH MUCH EASIER TO IDENTIFY WITH HEALTH, WEALTH, AND HAPPINESS THAN IT IS TO IDENTIFY WITH ITS OPPOSITE. FOR TO IDENTIFY WITH THE OPPOSITE, A DISCORDANT FORM IN CONSCIOUSNESS, AND DISCORD IS CONTRARY TO THE LAW OF REFINING EVOLUTION.

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GREETINGS STUDENTS, WE SHALL CONTINUE ON WITH MY WANDERINGS IN THE REALMS OF SELF-PRESERVATION. AS THESE MANY THOUSANDS OF FORMS WERE SNARLING AND CLUTCHING AND ATTACKING ME, AND AS THIS GREAT FEAR OF FEARS 'ROSE SUPREME IN MY MIND, AND I, MY HUMBLE BODY, WAS WRENCHED, AND TORN, AND BITTEN BY THESE MANY CREATURES, THAT WONDERFUL GENTLE VOICE OF MY GUARDIAN ANGEL ONCE AGAIN SPOKE TO ME. AND THE VOICE SAID "ALL THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING IS NECESSARY FOR YOUR ETERNAL SOUL AND ITS EVOLUTION THAT YOU, YOUR MIND, MAY LEARN THE GREATEST LESSON OF ALL -- THAT ATTACHMENT GUARANTEES ITS OWN ADVERSITY, AND ADVERSITY GUARANTEES ITS OWN ATTACHMENT.

"AND SO THESE CHILDREN, WHICH ARE IN TRUTH THE EFFECTS OF YOUR OWN ATTACHMENTS OF YESTERYEAR, ARE ONLY TRYING IN THEIR WAY TO SURVIVE AND TO PRESERVE THEMSELVES. AND IF YOU. IN YOUR FEAR, CONTINUE TO DIRECT ENERGY IN ADVERSE WAYS TOWARDS THESE FORMS, WHICH ARE IN TRUTH YOUR CHILDREN, THEN THEY SHALL REMAIN WITH YOU. IF YOU, IN YOUR MIND, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING TO LET GO OF ALL MENTAL THOUGHT, THEN YOU SHALL BE FREED FROM THEM. YOU ENTERED THE DOORS OF SELF-PRESERVATION AS YOU ROSE IN CONSCIOUSNESS TO SURRENDER. YOU WILL FREE YOURSELF FROM THIS REALM WHEN YOU BEGIN TO RELY ON SOMETHING THAT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL THOUGHT OF YOUR MIND. WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ETERNAL BEING IN THAT HOME OF TRUE RELIANCE THEN YOU SHALL BE FREED. FOR LIFE IN FORM IS CALLED THE PENDULUM OF TIME -- IT TAKES THE SOUL FROM SHORE TO SHORE. AND SO YOU MUST LEARN SOMEDAY TO ACCEPT THE LAWS OF LIFE, TO ACCEPT THE NATURE OF FORM, AND IN SO ACCEPTING, YOU SHALL USE IT AND NOT ABUSE IT. YOU WILL ACCEPT THE SUNSHINE AS YOU ACCEPT THE RAIN, YOU WILL 10

ACCEPT THE SADNESS AS YOU ACCEPT THE JOY, FOR THAT ACCEPTANCE IS A RECOGNITION OF THE DIVINE RIGHT OF THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE TO EXPRESS ITS JUST LAWS WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF THE MINDS OF MEN. AND SO, AS YOU IN YOUR MIND LET GO, THEN THAT WHICH SUSTAINS YOU, THE TRUE ETERNAL SOURCE, WILL BRING THE GREAT PEACE, AND LOVE, AND FREEDOM THAT IS YOUR RIGHT."

I REMAINED IN THOSE REALMS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AFTER MY ANGEL HAD SPOKEN TO ME, FOR TO HEAR AND TO KNOW DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE LAW OF CHANGE. TO KNOW IS ONLY A SIMPLE PART, A STEP, TO FINAL AND TOTAL ACCEPTANCE. FOR AS WE IN OUR EFFORTS TO LET GO OF THAT WHICH WE BELIEVE IS OURS. THERE IS A PART OF OURSELF THAT SUFFERS. AND THAT PART OF OURSELF THAT SUFFERS IN LETTING GO IS THE PART OF OUR MIND THAT BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE. AND SO OUT OF THOSE REALMS OF SELF-PRESERVATION DAWNED THE AWARENESS OF THE DIVINE TRUTH OF THE FIVE STEPS OF CREATION. SO, IN ALL OF LIFE, THE PAYMENT EVER PRECEDES THE ATTAINMENT. AND THOUGH THE CENTURIES TO ME IN THOSE DAYS WERE LONG AND ETERNAL IN THEMSELVES, I WOULD GLADLY, IN MY HEART, GO BACK IN THE ILLUSION OF TIME AND RELIVE THOSE CENTURIES FOR WHAT WAS GAINED IN THE LIVING AND EXPERIENCES OF THOSE REALMS WAS THE GAINING OF THE TRUTH THAT HAS NOT ONLY FREED MY SOUL, BUT IS INSTRUMENTAL IN FREEING THE SOULS OF MILLIONS IN SO MANY REALMS OF DARKNESS.

AND IF YOU WILL HONESTLY STUDY THOSE FIVE PRINCIPAL STEPS OF CRETION, AND YOU WILL HONESTLY AND SINCERELY STUDY THE DIAGRAM THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU IN THESE CLASSES SEVERAL SEMESTERS AGO, THAT WAS DRAWN OUT AND EXPLAINED TO YOU, YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO SPEND THOSE CENTURIES THAT I HAVE SPENT IN THOSE REALMS, FOR YOU, MY GOOD CHILDREN, HAVE BEEN GIVEN, IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW OF YOUR SEEKING, YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE LIGHT, THE (continued page 12)

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IT IS NOT, THIS PHILOSOPHY, AS DIFFICULT AS YOUR MINDS WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK, AND WHEN THE MIND THINKS IT IS SO DIFFICULT, BE REST ASSURED, IT IS THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS STRIVING TO PRESERVE ITSELF THAT IS CONVINCING YOU OF THE STRUGGLE AND THE DIFFICULTY, FOR THAT IS HOW SELF-PRESERVATION TRULY WORKS. BUT THOSE LEVELS THAT ARE STRIVING TO PRESERVE THEMSELVES ARE NOT YOU, YOUR SOUL ETERNAL. BUT THEY ARE THE BELIEFS THAT YOU ALONE HAVE CREATED. THEY ARE THE THOUGHTS THAT YOU ALONE ARE ENTERTAINING. TO RELY IN CONSCIOUSNESS UPON ANYTHING EXCEPT THE DIVINE INTELLIGENCE, IS TO BIND ONESELF TO THE DUAL LAW AND SUFFERING OF SO-CALLED CREATION.

YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: WHY IS IT THAT A VARIETY OF DISEASES CAN AFFECT THE SAME ORGAN OF THE BODY?
ANSWER: BECAUSE EACH ORGAN OF THE BODY HAS THE TOTALITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITHIN THE ORGAN, AND THE TOTALITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS 81 LEVELS OF EXPRESSION.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANIMAL REALMS AND THE KIND OF TRAINING THAT TAKES PLACE TO HELP THE ANIMALS EVOLVE?

ANSWER: THE ANIMAL REALMS ARE REALMS OF COMPASSIONATE DISCIPLINE, FOR WE HAVE FOUND OVER THESE CENTURIES THAT IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS. AND SO IN THE COMPASSIONATE DISCIPLINE WHERE THESE ANIMALS ARE TRAINED, AND THEIR TRAINING IS THROUGH UNDERSTANDING -- UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF THEIR LITTLE MINDS, AND GUIDING THEM GENTLY BUT FIRMLY TO FACE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. AS MAN HAS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, SO DOES ANIMAL, PLANT, AND MINERAL LIFE. AND IT IS THE DUTY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE TEACHERS IN OUR REALMS 12

THAT HAVE EARNED THE TEACHING OF THESE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS, TO HAVE THE PATIENCE, THE UNDERSTANDING, TO SHARE WITH THEM AN AWAKENING OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. THERE IS NO ANIMAL. NOR PLANT, THAT IS EXPRESSING THAT DOES NOT HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY IN ITS EVOLUTION. THIS IS THE SIMPLE MESSAGE THAT WE SHARE WITH THE ANIMAL KINGDOM AND THOSE LITTLE SOULS WHO HAVE EARNED THAT SHARING. WHEN OUR FRIENDS, THE FOUR-LEGGED ONES, GRADUATE FROM OUR SCHOOLS, MOST OF THEM WILLINGLY, AND JOYOUSLY, GO DOWN TO THE LOWER REALMS, KNOWN AS EARTH, TO STAND GUARDIAN AS THE SOULS PASS OVER INTO OUR REALMS, TO HELP THOSE SOULS TO FOLLOW THOSE ANIMALS TO THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND HALLS OF LEARNING THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL SOULS WHO ARE SEEKING SOMETHING BETTER. AND WE ARE SO FILLED WITH GRATITUDE AT THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE SOUL FACULTY OF LOYALTY THAT THESE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS DEMONSTRATE DAY AFTER DAY, YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND CENTURY AFTER CENTURY. FOR AS THESE FRIENDS GO DOWN TO THESE LOWER REALMS. THEY ARE TEMPTED BY THE SOULS TRAPPED IN THOSE LOWER REALMS NOT TO DO THEIR SPIRITUAL DUTY AND BRING THOSE SOULS PASSING OVER INTO THE HALLS OF LEARNING. AND THOSE ENTITIES IN THE LOWER REALMS ARE WELL AND FULLY AWARE OF THE SO-CALLED WEAKNESSES OF OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS, AND SO VERY OFTEN DO THOSE LOWER ENTITIES TEMPT OUR GUIDES WITH FOOD, AND VARIOUS PLEASURES. BUT WE CAN SAY FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY, THESE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS HAVE AN EXPRESSION OF THE SOUL FACULTY OF LOYALTY THAT FAR EXCEEDS THE MASSES OF EARTH MEN.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE OLD SAYING "FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD?"

ANSWER: YES, "FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD." AN ANGEL, SO-TO-SPEAK, REPRESENTS THE EMBODIMENT AND UNOBSTRUCTED FLOW OF THE DIVINE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH THE SOUL (continued page 14)

continued from page 13 FACULTIES. "ANGEL" MEANS TO US, THE TOTALITY OF CONSIDERATION, AND SO, BEING THE TOTALITY OF CONSIDERATION, ANGELS HAVE CONSIDERED WHERE THEY MAY WALK AND SERVE THE PURPOSE OF LOVE WITHOUT ENTRAPMENT. FOR THEY, BEING THE EMBODIMENTS OF SERVICE TO GOD, HAVE NOT THE NEED, WANT, AND DESIRE OF THE HUMAN MIND. AND SO, MAN WALKS IN, GUIDED AND CONTROLLED BY HIS NEED FOR SUPERIORITY, BY HIS NEED FOR SO-CALLED GLORY AND POWER -- MAN, CONTROLLED BY THOSE ENTITIES, WALKS INTO HELL, AND BECOMES A PART OF HELL. BUT ANGELS KNOW -- WHEN MAN IS FIRST, ALL IS HELL, AND WHEN GOD IS FIRST, ALL IS WELL. THE REVELATION OF THE SOUL'S EVOLUTION IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE DEGREE OF SELF-CONTROL THAT IS BEING EXPRESSED AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT AND IN ANY GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCE. MAN'S TOOLS, THE HUMAN MIND, ARE DESIGNED BY THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE, NOT CREATED, BUT DESIGNED, TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF THE SOUL'S EVOLUTION. WHEN MAN, NOT USING THE TOOLS WISELY, BECOMES CONTROLLED BY THE TOOLS, THEN MAN DEMONSTRATES. FROM HIS OWN LACK OF CONTROL OVER THE TOOLS KNOWN AS HIS HUMAN MIND, HIS OWN GRADE OF EVOLUTION.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PREDICAMENT OF PEOPLE WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THEM, AND LACK OF CONTROL OF THEM, HAVE BEEN LABELED BY SOCIETY AS MENTALLY ILL?

ANSWER: SOCIETY LABELS ANYTHING IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND, AND NOT UNDERSTANDING, DOES NOT ACCEPT, SOCIETY FINDS A LABEL FOR. IF MAN RELIES UPON SOCIETY AND CONTROLS HIS LIFE ACCORDING TO THE FLUXUATING DESIRES OF SOCIETY, THEN MAN HAS EARNED THAT ENSLAVEMENT. THE MOST DIFFICULT THING FOR THE HUMAN MIND IS TO ACCEPT ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT ALREADY EXIST WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF THE MIND, OR IS AT LEAST IN RAPPORT WITH THE NEW EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE LAW OF 14

ASSOCIATION. AND SO IT IS, THAT THESE VARIOUS ENTITIES BEING CREATED BY OUR MIND KNOW OUR MIND. AND SO WE FIND OURSELF IN WHAT WE CALL A LACK OF CONTROL, WHICH MORE PROPERLY STATED WOULD BE THE VICTIM OF OUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR WHAT WE ARE IN TRUTH, UNTIL WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO GAIN CONTROL, IS THE VICTIM, NOT ONLY OF OUR OWN UNCONTROLLABLE DESIRES, BUT THE VICTIM OF ALL THE OTHER UNCONTROLLABLE DESIRES THAT ARE ATTRACTED TO US IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW THAT LIKES ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT. THIS VICTIMIZATION, WHICH IS IN TRUTH WITHIN OUR OWN POWER TO STOP AT ANY MOMENT, MOVES OUR LITTLE SOUL IN CIRCLES, SO-TO-SPEAK, ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND OF EVER DECREASING IN FULFILLMENT SO-CALLED DESIRES. BECAUSE THESE DESIRES ARE NO LONGER SERVING US, WE ARE IN TRUTH SERVING THEM. AND BECAUSE WE ARE IN TRUTH THE VICTIMS SERVING THEM, WE NO LONGER HAVE THE FULLNESS OF THE DESIRE, EXPERIENCE, AND EXPRESSION -- WHICH REVEALS IN TRUTH TO ANY MAN OF COMMON SENSE, THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP OUR OWN CONTROL, AND WE HAVE TO DO WHAT THOSE ENTITITES WANT US TO DO, WHEN THEY WHAT US TO DO IT, AND HOW THEY WANT US TO DO

NOW, THINK MY CHILDREN, IF WE HAVE ENTERED THAT SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE HERE AND NOW, AND THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN US IS THE BUFFER OF YOUR PHYSICAL BODY TO VIEW THOSE MULTITUDES OF FORMS AND THEIR DEMANDS, THINK --IT IS SO MUCH EASIER FOR YOU CHILDREN WHILE YET IN THE BUFFER OF PHYSICAL FORM WHERE YOU DO NOT YET HEAR, AND DO NOT YET SEE THESE CREATURES WHO HAVE CONTROL OF YOU. IT IS FOR YOU TO DECLARE AND DEMAND YOUR RIGHT TO FREEDOM. WHICH IS THE DIRECT EFFECT OF SELF-CONTROL, OF THESE ENTITIES THAT ORDER YOU LIKE A LITTLE PUPPET TO DO WHAT THEY ORDER YOU TO DO. THEY CAUSE YOU BLINDNESS, AND YOUR EYES NO LONGER SERVE THE PURPOSE OF AWARENESS. THEY CAUSE YOU (continued page 43) 15

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QUESTION: HOW COME THERE IS NO CONCEPT OF TIME ON THE OTHER SIDE?

ANSWER: VERY FINE QUESTION, AND THE QUESTION IS, WHY ISN'T THERE ANY CONCEPT OF TIME ON THE OTHER SIDE? THERE IS A CONCEPT OF TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN TIME DIMENSIONS. THERE IS NO CONCEPT OF TIME FOR THOSE IN THE HIGHER REALMS. AND THE REASON THERE IS NO CONCEPT OF TIME IS BECAUSE THE SPIRIT IS TIMELESS, FORMLESS AND FREE, AND THEY ARE EXPRESSING THEIR SPIRIT AND, THEREFORE, NO LONGER HAVE TIME CONSCIOUSNESS. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION? REMEMBER, SPIRIT IS FORMLESS AND FREE. IT CAN ONLY BE FORMLESS AND FREE BY BEING TIMELESS. IF IT WEREN'T TIMELESS, THEN IT WOULDN'T BE FORMLESS AND IT WOULDN'T BE FREE.

QUESTION: IN DISCOURSE #6 WE WERE DISCUSSING THE LAW OF ETERNITY. IT WAS STATED, "IT IS THE SOUL AND ONLY THE SOUL THAT KNOWS. FOR WHAT THE MIND MAY KNOW TODAY THE HEART SHALL CLOSE AND KNOW NOT TOMORROW." I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHAT IS MEANT BY "THE HEART SHALL CLOSE" AND HOW THAT WORKS.

ANSWER: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION, "WHAT THE MIND SHALL KNOW TODAY THE HEART SHALL CLOSE AND KNOW NOT TOMORROW," THE HEART IS THE PART OF THE ANATOMY THROUGH WHICH DIVINE LOVE FLOWS. THE MIND GATHERS UP MANY THINGS. THERE IS A MEMORY PAR EXCELLENCE, WHERE ALL THINGS ARE RECORDED AND NOTHING IS EVER LOST. IT IS A SOUL FACULTY. HOWEVER, THE HEART WHICH IS THE INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH THIS DIVINE LOVE IS EXPRESSED IS NOT GOVERNED BY THE MULTITUDES OF CHANGES THAT ARE CREATED BY THE MIND, AND THEREFORE, IT DOES NOT KNOW, YOU UNDERSTAND, TODAY, OR MAY NOT KNOW TOMORROW. DIVINE LOVE HAS NO PARTIALITY. PARTIALITY ONLY EXISTS IN 16

THE MIND BECAUSE THE MIND IS THE DUAL VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH THE SOUL EXPRESSES. BUT DIVINE LOVE IS NOT DUAL. IT IS ONE. THAT IS WHY LOVE FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE IS ITS OWN EXPRESSION. IT DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE, YOU SEE. IT JUST IS. THE MIND KNOWS SOMETHING TODAY, AND FORGETS IT TOMORROW. IT CONSTANTLY CHANGES. IT IS CONSTANTLY GOING THROUGH A PROCESS OF NEW VALUES. NOW, AS A PERSON'S SOUL STARTS TO RISE TO THE LIGHT WITHIN THEMSELVES, THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO THEM YESTERDAY ARE NO LONGER IMPORTANT, AND SOON THEY ARE FORGOTTEN. WHEN A PERSON BECOMES AWARE THAT THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS BE, THEY START TO READJUST THEIR THINKING. THEY STOP AND THEY SAY TO THEMSELVES, "WELL, IF I HAVE ALREADY BEEN AND IF I WILL ALWAYS BE, AND I AM CONTROLLED BY THE LAW OF MERIT THAT I SET INTO MOTION MYSELF, AND I HAVE MERITED THIS EARTH AND ALL OF THESE EXPERIENCES, I AM GOING TO START PUTTING A LITTLE ATTENTION UPON MY ETERNITY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO KEEP REPEATING THINGS THAT ARE SO DISTASTEFUL TO ME." FORM COMES AND FORM GOES, BUT SPIRIT LASTS FOREVER, BECAUSE IT IS FOREVER. IT IS THE ONLY THING WORTH YOUR ENERGY AND TIME. NOW I OFTEN HEAR FROM STUDENTS, "WELL, YOU HAVE GOT TO LIVE IN A MATERIAL WORLD." WELL, I LIVE IN A MATERIAL WORLD, TOO, BUT IF THIS MATERIAL WORLD, THIS PASSING PANORAMA, HAS GREATER PRIORITY -- IF THAT HAS GREATER PRIORITY -- THAN YOUR ETERNAL SOUL'S JOURNEY, THEN LIFE IS GOING TO BE MOST DIFFICULT. AT LEAST BRING THEM INTO BALANCE, AT LEAST GIVE A 50% CHANCE TO YOUR SOUL THAT HAS BEEN STRUGGLING ALONG FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY EONS AND EONS AND EONS OF TIME JUST TO GET TO THIS GRADE OF SCHOOL. I DON'T THINK THIS GRADE IS JUST ABOUT THE HIGHEST. I AM SURE OF THAT. THANK YOU, FRIENDS.

(This class, which was given on 5/31/73, is

available on recorded cassette tape.)

Gems of Light

LIMITATION OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE SHIP WHICH SAILS OUR SOUL TO HELL.

GOD, HELP ME TO RELEASE THIS DESIRE TO YOU KNOWING IN TRUTH THAT WHICH I DESIRE, IN PRINCIPLE DESIRES ME.

A HALF A SOUL WITH GOD IS BETTER THAN NO SOUL AT ALL.

BE GRATEFUL WHEN YOU ASK AND RECEIVE NOT, FOR THEN YOU ARE TRULY RECEIVING.

THE THINGS OF WHICH WE SPEAK THE MOST ARE IN TRUTH OUR HIDDEN HOST.

NEVER FEEL THE GAIN AND YOU WILL NOT EXPERIENCE THE LOSS.

CHALLENGE IS DESIRE BECAUSE IT STIMULATES
THE EGO.

WISE IS THE TRAVELER WHO KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING.

Spiritual Healing

by Miriam Bostwick*

THE POWER THAT HEALETH IS THE POWER OF GOD WHICH FREELY FLOWS THROUGH EACH AND EVERYONE OF US WHEN WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO BE AT PEACE. PEACE IS NEUTRALITY OR ODIC ENERGY, THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN THE ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS.

PEACE GUARANTEES THE FLOW OF HARMONY, WHICH IS THE LAW OF HEALTH. WHEN ALL THINGS ARE INHARMONY, THERE IS A PERFECT WORKING IN CONCERT OF THE ORGANS OF OUR BODY.

HOW OFTEN DO WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO REACH THAT STATE OF PEACE? DURING THE DAY, DO WE FREQUENTLY PAUSE A MOMENT AND GIVE OUR SOUL A CHANCE TO DIRECT OUR ACTIVITIES, OR DO WE LIVE CONSTANTLY IN THE PAST BY DRAWING ON EXPERIENCES RECORDED IN THE MIND WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SERVED US WELL?

WHEN OUR SOUL IS AT THE HELM OF OUR SHIP OF DESTINY, WE ARE GUIDED ON A SMOOTH, HARMONIOUS COURSE WHERE PEACE REIGNS SUPREME. WHEN WE ALLOW OUR MINDS TO DICTATE, THE WATERS CAN BE ROUGH INDEED AND POOR HEALTH IS THE RESULT.

IN SERENITY WE ARE TAUGHT TO FLOOD OUR MINDS WITH AFFIRMATIONS SO THAT THE SOUL WILL HAVE ITS CHANCE TO EXPRESS. ONE SUCH AFFIRMATION WHICH HAS SERVED WELL THE STUDENTS OF SERENITY GOES THUSLY:

"I SAIL SERENE ON THE SEA OF TIME. WITH GOD AT THE HELM, PEACE IS MINE."

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Visitors' Views

"I THINK IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY FOR ME. I ENJOYED IT. AND I WILL RETURN WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS PLEASURE." - L.

"I ENJOYED THE SERVICE MUCH MORE THAN LAST BECAUSE OF THE STUDENT PRESENTATION. IT GAVE ME A BETTER UNDERSTANDING." - J.S.

"THANK YOU I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE BUT I REALLY FELT OPENED TO THE HEALING AND WORK THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS." - S.

"I'M VERY GLAD TO HAVE COME TODAY. I BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT I'M MOVING TOWARD. I DO PLAN TO BE BACK." - A. C.

"I FOUND IT TO BE LIKE A MATCH IN THE WINDOW OF A DISTANT BUILDING." - S.F.

"IT WAS COMFORTING TO BE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE WITH A LIKE PURPOSE. I FELT THAT THE MESSAGES GIVEN MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE ALSO VERY RELEVENT TO MY OWN SITUATION IN LIFE. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE VOICES IN THE CHOIR. I PLAN TO RETURN NEXT WEEK, GOD WILLING. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL." - C.G.P.

"VERY INTERESTING. MY FIRST TIME HERE." - P.B.

"VERY PERCEPTIVE! RECEPTIVE" - T.S.

"I LOVED IT. THANK YOU." - P.

"I LIKED IT VERY MUCH." - M.

Invocation

THANK THEE, O GOD, FOR OUR EXPERIENCES OF STRIFE SO THAT WE MAY SEE OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Reading

SOMEONE WHO HAS A SMALL DEGREE OF CONTROL OF THEIR THOUGHTS HAS A GREAT NEED TO CONTROL THE THOUGHTS OF OTHERS. THAT CONTROL OF OTHER'S THOUGHTS IS DISPLAYED BY PERSONS WHO ARE OVERLY NICE, SO THAT OTHERS WILL THINK THEY ARE NICE, AS WELL AS BY PERSONS WHO ARE RUDE AND BELLIGERENT, SO THAT OTHERS WILL THINK THEY ARE STRONG AND BACK OFF IN THEIR THINKING. IN BOTH INSTANCES, THE MOTIVE IS A SELFISH NEED TO HAVE ONE'S OWN WAY BY GETTING ANOTHER TO THINK AS THEY DO, AND THE EFFORT IS TO CONTROL ANOTHER'S THOUGHTS WITHOUT MAKING ANY EFFORT TO CONTROL ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS. EACH TIME THAT WE SEE RUDENESS, BELLIGERENCE, AND ANGER EXPRESSED BY ANOTHER AND WE FIND OURSELVES BEING RUDE, BELLIGERENT, ANGRY, IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE POLLUTED BY THE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS OF ANOTHER, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ON GUARD AT THE "PORTAL" OF OUR OWN THOUGHTS. IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL SELF-CONTROL, CONTROL OF ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS, NOT TO BE AFFECTED BY ANOTHER, NOT TO BE CONTROLLED BY ANOTHER'S THOUGHTS.

IF, IN THE FACE OF ANOTHER'S EMOTIONAL EXPRESSIONS WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD ONTO THE SPIRITUAL PART OF OURSELVES, OUR FEELINGS OF UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANOTHER'S RIGHT TO SO EXPRESS, THEN WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE POLLUTED, AFFECTED BY OTHERS -- FOR WE HAVE TAKEN CONTROL (continued page 26)

Serenity Students

by Howard Lazar*

LONG AGO THE LIVNG LIGHT PHILOSOPHY STATED: "OPPORTUNITY LIKE THE HANDS OF A CLOCK MEETS EVERY SO OFTEN." RECENTLY IN CHURCH THE MEANING OF THE WORD "OPPORTUNITY" WAS REVEALED: "WHEN OUR MIND IS STILL AND JUDGMENTS ARE NO LONGER IN CONTROL, THERE IT IS: OPPORTUNITY."

IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE EXPERIENCE IT INFREQUENTLY BECAUSE OUR MIND IS SELDOM STILL. WE MUST ASK THE QUESTION: WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME OUR JUDGMENTS GAVE UP CONTROLLING US? IN OUR ANSWER WE SEE WHY IT IS THAT OPPORTUNITY MEETS EVERY SO OFTEN.

IT COULD, HOWEVER, MEET IN EVERY MOMENT.
ALL IT TAKES, IN EVERY MOMENT, IS AN OUNCE OF
EFFORT TO BE AT PEACE. WE DO NOT HAVE TO ADD
PEACE TO THE MIND. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS REMOVE
THE MIND'S CLUTTER, AND WE WILL FIND OUT THAT
PEACE, LIKE OPPORTUNITY, WE ALREADY HAVE.

Poet's Pen

WHO AM I?

I AM MUSIC

I AM DANCE

I AM SONG.

I AM JOY RIDING A WHITE HORSE. I AM CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER AND MOTHER'S TEARS.

I AM THE BIRD IN FLIGHT,
THE STARS THAT SHINE,
I AM HOPE ETERNAL
AND THE LIGHT OF REASON.
I AM ONE WITH GOD. - Hilda D. Gibson

Children's Corner

RESPONSIBILITY IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU TO DO SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT THINK ITS IMPORTANT BUT IT MAY BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM.

Michael Field, Age 12

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO MAKE CHANGES. SO THEY LIVE THEIR LIFE THE SAME EVERY DAY. BUT IF PEOPLE WOULD JUST STOP AND TALK TO THEM SELVES CHANGES WOULD BE VERY EASY TO MAKE.

Stacey McKenzie, Age 12

WE HAVE 10% FREE WILL TO CHANGE THE LAWS WE HAVE SET INTO MOTION. LAWS FORM CREATION. WE THINK ITS NOT VERY MUCH WILL BUT IT BECOMES EVERYTHING. WE CREATE THOUGHTS WITCH ARE FORM TO SPEAK FREELY.

YOU CANNOT GET, GIVE OR CHANGE TRUTH BECAUSE TRUTH IS YOURSELF.

Patrice Karlsen, Age 13

NATURE IS GOOD TO MAN AND US BECAUSE PROVIDES FOOD AND AIR FOR US TO BREATH AND GOD IS ENERGY IN NATURE. Lance Woolley, Age 9

ASTRONAUTS LIVE IN A TINY PIECE IN THE FRONT OF THE ROCKET. THEY WEAR MASKS AND SUITS. IF THE TREES AND GRASS AND PLANTS WERE GONE WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY AIR OR CLOUDS -- WE'D HAVE PLAIN OLD EARTH AND WE WOULD HAVE TO WEAR SUITS AND MASKS LIKE ASTRONAUTS.

Richie Arcona, Age 6

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DIVINE HEALING PRAYER

I accept that the Divine Healing Power Is removing all obstructions
From my mind and body
And is restoring me to perfect
Health, wealth and happiness.
My heart is filled with gratitude
For the Divine Law of Acceptance
That is healing both present and absent ones
Who are in need of help.
Peace, the power that healeth,
Is guiding my thoughts, acts and deeds,
As God and I go hand in hand
Living a life of joyful abundance.



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OF OURSELVES. THE EFFECT OF OUR TAKING CONTROL
OF OURSELVES BY DIRECTING POSITIVE ENERGY INTO
OUR THOUGHTS, IS THAT OTHERS WILL BE AFFECTED
POSITIVELY BY THEM. FOR WHETHER THE EXPRESSION
IS NEGATIVE, IN THE FORM OF RUDENESS,
BELLIGERENCE, ANGER, OR POSITIVE, IN THE FORM
OF UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE, CONSIDERATION,
THE PRINCIPLE IS THE SAME, WE ARE AFFECTED BY
THAT WITH WHICH WE ARE IN RAPPORT. THUS, IF WE
MAKE THE EFFORT TO TRANSMIT THOUGHTS OF PEACE,
UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND THEY ARE COMBINED
WITH THOSE FEELINGS, THEN ANYONE WHO HAS THE
SLIGHTEST RAPPORT WITH THOSE THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS WILL BE POSITIVELY AFFECTED.

THUS, WHEN WE SEE RUDENESS, BELLIGERENCE, OR ANGER, WE MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PRACTICE CONTROLLING OUR OWN THOUGHTS, TO SEPARATE OUR TRUE BEING, OUR SOUL, FROM MENTAL LEVELS OF EXPRESSION. IT IS BY THE CONSTANT REPETITION OF SEPARATING TRUTH (SOUL) FROM CREATION (MENTAL EXPRESSION) THAT WE ARE FREE FROM BEING CONTROLLED BY OTHERS, SO THAT THE DIVINITY MAY EXPRESS THROUGH US.

Benediction

MAY WE TAKE THE NARROW PATH THE ONE THAT'S LIGHTLY TROD THE ONE THAT TAKES US BACK HOME TO GOD.

PROMPTNESS RESPECTS AND CONSIDERS THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER, AND IS THE TRUE MARK OF ONE'S CHARACTER.

WHAT THOUGHT LIMITS IT ATTRACTS AND GUARANTEES THE LOSS THEREOF.

In Our Thoughts

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TO SEND A HELPFUL THOUGHT OF JOY AND LIGHT TO THOSE YOU LOVE WHO HAVE PASSED TO THE HIGHER LIFE, LIST THEIR NAMES IN THIS COLUMN. DONATION OF ONE DOLLAR PER NAME IS REQUESTED.

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AND SO IT IS, THE STONE THE BUILDER REJECTS BECOMES THE CORNERSTONE. FOR YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, WHEN WE SEEK FROM GOD AND WE DENY THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH, THAT WHICH WE ARE SEEKING IS FLOWING, THEN WE HAVE, IN THAT MOMENT, DENIED GOD'S RIGHT OF EXPRESSION. DISCIPLINE, SELF-CONTROL, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ARE INDISPENSIBLE TO TRUTH AND FREEDOM. WITHOUT THEM, THERE CANNOT BE FOR US IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS EITHER TRUTH OR FREEDOM.

BY HAVING DISCIPLINE IN OUR LIFE WE BECOME AWARE OF THE SELF. AND REMEMBER DESIRE IS THE DIVINE EXPRESSION. DESIRE IS THE EXPRESSION OF GOD, THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE. IT IS WHAT MAN DOES WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF DESIRE THAT CAUSES THE PROBLEMS IN LIFE. MAN'S MIND EXPERIENCES THIS WONDERFUL FLOW OF GOODNESS OR GOD IN HIS LIFE, AND THEN HE FORMS AND LIMITS HOW THAT GOODNESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND ITS EXPERIENCE WILL BE CONTINUED. IT IS MAN'S MIND THAT CAUSES THE PROBLEMS WITH THE DIVINE EXPRESSION KNOWN AS DESIRE. IT IS NOT DESIRE IN AND OF ITSELF. DESIRE, ENTERTAINED IN THE MINDS OF MEN. IS THE BLINDNESS OF THE WORLD. IT IS THE BLINDNESS BECAUSE IT DICTATES HOW IT WILL FULFILL ITSELF. IN THE MOMENT THAT IT DICTATES, IN THE MOMENT THAT THE MIND FORMS THE PRINCIPLE OF DESIRE, IN THAT MOMENT IS MAN BOUND BY THE LAW THAT HE ALONE HAS ESTABLISHED, BECAUSE HE HAS STOLEN THE ESSENCE KNOWN AS DESIRE, THE DIVINE EXPRES-SION FROM GOD AND IT MUST BE RETURNED. AND BECAUSE MAN HAVING EXPERIENCED THE GOODNESS OF DESIRE, BECAUSE HIS MIND HAS TAKEN IT, AND HAS STOLEN IT, THAT IS WHERE THE PAYMENT IS. FOR IN THE DICTATE OF HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHAT WILL FULFILL IT, IN THAT JUDGMENT AND IN THAT DICTATE DOES MAN PAY THE PRICE OF THE HUMAN FUNCTIONS OF THE MIND. FOR IN THAT MOMENT OF JUDGMENT THERE ARE NO SOUL FACULTIES, THERE ARE ONLY THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MIND. THERE IS NO 28

WISDOM OF PATIENCE, THERE IS NO CONSIDERATION.
THERE IS NO LOVE. THERE IS NO UNDERSTANDING.
THERE IS NO DUTY OR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT IS WHY MAN LIVES IN A WORLD OF CREATION
KNOWN AS PAYMENT AND ATTAINMENT.

WHEN MAN RISES IN CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE HEAVENLY REALMS THAT ARE WAITING FOR HIM THIS MOMENT -- REMEMBER, MY FRIENDS, HEAVEN IS HERE, AND HEAVEN IS NOW -- IF IT IS NOT WITHIN YOUR THINKING OF POSSIBILITY FOR THE HERE AND NOW THEN YOU MUST PAY THE PRICE HEREAFTER. BECAUSE IF YOUR HEAVEN IS SOMETHING THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL EXPERIENCE UPON CHANGING YOUR SUIT OF CLAY, I CAN ASSURE YOU FROM FORTY-SOME YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THOSE REALMS THAT IS NOT WHAT TAKES PLACE. OUR MIND GOES WITH US. IT IS A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH OUR SOUL IS EXPRESSING. IT IS THE SAME MIND AFTER WE LEAVE EARTH AS IT WAS THE MOMENT BEFORE WE LEFT EARTH. SO UNLESS WE PREPARE OURSELF FOR CHANGING OUR SUIT OF CLAY, THEN WE WILL, BY THE VERY LAW ESTABLISHED. THE LAW OF PROCRASTINATION. THEN WE WILL HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE AT THE MOMENT OF GOING. WE PREPARE OURSELF FOR LIVING BY PREPARING OURSELF FOR THE ILLUSION KNOWN AS DEATH.

YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, AND THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH YOUR QUESTION, EVERYTHING THAT HAS FORM HAS BIRTH. AND EVERYTHING THAT HAS FORM HAS DEATH. OUR THOUGHTS ARE BORN, AND OUR THOUGHTS IN TIME THEY DIE. AND SO OUR BODIES; THEY'RE BORN, THEY'RE FORMED, AND THEY DIE, FOR THAT IS THE LAW OF CREATION. WE SUFFER AND WE PAY THE PRICE AS LONG AS WE ARE ATTACHED TO CREATION. THE TEACHING OF OLD IS QUITE SIMPLE; BE IN CREATION AND NEVER A PART OF CREATION. BE WITH A PERSON, PLACE OR THING AND NEVER A PART OF A PERSON, PLACE OR THING, FOR ALL FORM GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF BIRTH AND DEATH. IF WE OVER-IDENTIFY WITH OUR BODIES, WITH OUR FORM, THEN I CAN ASSURE YOU IT IS THAT ATTACHMENT (continued page 30) 29

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THAT IS THE PAIN WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE OUR
SUIT. IT IS ONLY OUR MENTAL ATTACHMENT THAT IS
THE SUFFERING AND THE PAIN.

WE CRY WHEN WE'RE BORN AND WE CRY WHEN WE DIE. BUT THE CRYING IS ONLY THE ILLUSION THAT WE ARE THE SUIT WE WEAR. SO OFTEN IN OUR DAILY EXPERIENCES WE BELIEVE WE ARE THE THOUGHT THAT WE HAVE FORMED IN OUR MIND, ONLY MOMENTS LATER TO FORM ANOTHER THOUGHT AND FEEL GOOD. SO HERE WE ARE, ETERNAL. FOREVER WE HAVE BEEN, FOREVER WE WILL BE. THIS IS ONLY ONE FORM, ONE SUIT OF THE MANY WE HAVE ALREADY WORN AND THE MANY WE HAVE YET TO WEAR. TO ATTACH AND OVER-IDENTIFY WITH THE FORM OF WHICH WE PERMIT OURSELF AT PRESENT TO BE AWARE, IS INDEED A BONDAGE, NOT DESIGNED BY THE INFINITE ARCHITECT. IT IS AN ERROR IN OUR THOUGHT THAT WE HAVE CLOSED OUR MINDS AND CANNOT SEE THE UNIVERSAL ETERNAL WHOLE, WHICH WE TRULY ARE.

SO, MY FRIENDS, REMEMBER, FROM THE DIVINE COMETH THE DESIRE AND TO THE DIVINE IT IS DESTINED TO RETURN. WHEN WE STEAL IT BECAUSE WE THINK IT IS OURS. WE PAY THE PRICE. IF WE WILL ACCEPT THE DEMONSTRABLE TRUTH THAT IT ENTERED OUR LIFE TO FULFILL A PURPOSE, THAT THE PURPOSE WILL BE FILLED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE DICTATES OF THE HUMAN MIND. THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY, IN FACT IT IS EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL, TO INTERFERE IN MENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS WITH THE DIVINE EXPRESSION. ALL THINGS COME AND ALL THINGS GO FOR THINGS ARE FORM. WE ARE MORE THAN FORM FOR WE ARE THAT THAT MOVES FORM. LET US NOT FORGET WHO WE TRULY ARE. AND IF WE WILL MAKE THAT EFFORT DAILY, NOT TO FORGET WHO WE TRULY ARE, THEN WE WILL NO LONGER PAY THE PRICE TAG OF CREATION. THANK YOU. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: LONG AGO YOU MADE A SHORT SENTENCE. YOU SAID SOMETHING THAT STUCK WITH ME AND I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW IT GOES, BUT IT HAD TO 30

WITH HELPING PEOPLE AND HAVING IT BE A DETRIMENT.

ANSWER: YES. THANK YOU. IN REFERENCE TO HELPING PEOPLE: WE MUST BE STILL AND HONEST WITH OURSELF FOR THE MOTIVE OF ANY INTENT, THE MOTIVATING FORCE WILL DICTATE THE LAW THAT IS ESTABLISHED FOR US. OFTTIMES WE LOOK OUT INTO THE WORLD AND WE SEE PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT STRAITS; SOME ARE HUNGRY, SOME ARE COLD, SOME ARE UNEDUCATED AND SOME SEEM TO HAVE THE WEALTH OF A WORLD OF CREATION. BUT WE MUST PAUSE IN OUR THINKING, AND IN THAT MOMENT, IN THAT PAUSE, ENTER THE LIGHT OF REASON. WE MUST SEE CLEARLY THE LAW OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE HAVE ENTERED THIS EARTH REALM INTO EARTHLY FORMS IN KEEPING WITH THE EVOLUTIONARY LAWS OF LIFE, AND ACCORDING TO THE LAWS THAT WE, IN OUR PREVIOUS LIVES, HAVE ESTABLISHED. WE HAVE COME TO THIS EARTH, THE PLANET OF FAITH, THE PRINCIPLE THAT GOVERNS THE EARTH PLANET. WE HAVE COME HERE TO ONCE AGAIN FACE THE LESSONS IN LIFE THAT WE, PUTTING IT BLUNTLY, HAVE FLUNKED BEFORE. HERE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THE GRADES OF SCHOOL THAT WE ARE IN HERE AND NOW. IF WE DO NOT MAKE THAT EFFORT WE GUARANTEE THE REPETITION OF THE LESSONS AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. SO WE LOOK OUT INTO THE WORLD AND WE SEE THE SUFFERING AND THE STRUGGLE. BUT IN THAT MOMENT WE MUST QUESTION THE LAWS ESTABLISHED.

IT IS OUR DUTY TO PLACE OUR HAND AND HELP A SOUL THAT IS SINKING. IT IS OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, IF THEY ARE STRONGER THAN US, TO SAVE OUR OWN SOUL. THAT IS OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND HAVING ACCEPTED THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF DUTY TO ONE'S OWN ETERNAL BEING, WE ACCEPT THAT RIGHT FOR OTHERS. REMEMBER WE CANNOT GRANT TO ANOTHER WHAT WE HAVE NOT FIRST GRANTED UNTO OURSELF. IF WE HAVE GRANTED UNTO OURSELF THE LAW OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE SEE THE STRUGGLE OF (continued page 32)

continued from page 31 OTHERS, WE ARE IMPRESSED OFTEN TO HELP THEM TO HELP THEMSELF. IF THE EFFORT IS NOT BEING MADE BY A PERSON TO HELP THEMSELF, THEN WE ARE INSTRUMENTS OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND WE ONLY HELP THEM DOWN INSTEAD OF UP. IT IS ONE THING TO FEED A PERSON UNTIL THEY HAVE GAINED THEIR STRENGTH TO FEED THEMSELF. IT IS VERY DETRIMENTAL TO FEED THEM UNTIL THEY ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO FEED THEMSELF. WE MUST ALL FACE THE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFE. WE DO NOT HELP PEOPLE BY DOING THINGS FOR THEM. WE HELP PEOPLE IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE THE LIVING DEMONSTRATION TO SHOW THEM THE WAY. TO DO THINGS FOR PEOPLE DOES NOT SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE, BECAUSE BY DOING FOR THEM, WE DENY THEM THEIR RIGHT TO DO FOR THEMSELF.

A CRUTCH IS DESIGNED TO HELP A PERSON TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LEGS TO WALK AGAIN. GLASSES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP A PERSON. THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR EYESIGHT. IT IS THE ABUSES IN LIFE THAT CAUSE THE PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT THE USES IN LIFE. ALL THINGS, ALL PEOPLE ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. IF THINGS AND PEOPLE ARE NOT SERVING A USEFUL PURPOSE, THEN THEY ARE NOT BENEFICIAL TO THEM-SELF NOR TO OTHERS. NOW WE WOULD NOT USE A DINNER KNIFE FOR A SCREWDRIVER WHEN WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE DESIGNED THE DINNER KNIFE TO SERVE THE PURPOSE FOR OUR DINNER. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR LIFE, OFTTIMES WE ABUSE THE THOUGHTS THAT ENTER OUR MIND. WE DO NOT USE THEM TO SERVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH WE TRULY DESIRE THEM TO DO.

AND SO WE HELP PEOPLE BY HELPING OURSELF. FOR THE PHYSICIAN MUST FIRST HEAL THEMSELF, THAT THEY MAY BE THE LIVING DEMONSTRATION. WE, BY BEING THE LIVING DEMONSTRATION ARE A LIGHT INTO THE WORLD THAT THEY MAY SEE. BUT TO DO IT FOR THEM IS TO DENY THEIR RIGHT TO THEIR GOODNESS AND THEIR LIFE. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION. THANK YOU.

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QUESTION: I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A SAYING IN THE BIBLE OR SOMETHING THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO SERVE GOD AND MAMMON AT THE SAME TIME. COULD YOU GIVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT PLEASE?

ANSWER: YES, THERE IS THAT STATEMENT IN THE BIBLE. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SERVE BOTH. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S MORE THAN POSSIBLE TO EXPERIENCE BOTH, FOR WE ALL EXPERIENCE THIS OLD MUNDANE MATERIAL WORLD IN WHICH WE'RE IN. AND NO ONE CAN DENY THAT THERE ARE MOMENTS THEY EXPERIENCE SOMETHING ABOVE AND BEYOND THIS OLD MUNDANE MATERIAL WORLD. IF WE RECOGNIZE THE CAUSE AND DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH THE EFFECT, THEN, MY FRIENDS, WE WILL NOT BE BOUND BY THIS MUNDANE MATERIAL WORLD, FOR WE WILL KNOW BEYOND THE SHADOW OF ANY DOUBT THAT IT IS AN EFFECT; IT IS NOT A CAUSE; THAT IT COMES AND IT GOES AN YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN IT'S GOING AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN IT'S COMING. AND SO IT IS, THAT A WISE MAN SEES THE WORLD FOR WHAT IT IS: AND EFFECT OF HIS OWN CREATION.

QUESTION: THIS PHILOSOPHY TEACHES A GOD THAT SUSTAINS ALL THINGS -- A SUSTAINING INFINITE INTELLIGENT ENERGY. IT TEACHES THAT MAN, THE MENTAL WORLD, IS THE CREATOR, WE CREATE OUR LIFE. WE ARE THE CREATORS OF THE THOUGHTS WE THINK, THE EXPERIENCES WE HAVE. OUR HEALTH, OUR WEALTH AND OUR HAPPINESS IS DEPENDENT UPON OUR OWN EFFORTS TO CONTROL OUR OWN CREATIONS. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TEMPORARILY FORGOTTEN THAT WHAT WE SEE OUT THERE IS AN EFFECT OF WHAT WE'RE DOING IN HERE. THE MOST DIFFICULT THING IN OUR GROWTH THROUGH THIS EARTH REALM, THE MOST DIFFICULT THING TO FACE, LET ALONE TO ACCEPT, IS THAT ALL EXPERIENCES ARE EFFECTS OF OUR THOUGHTS, THAT WE CAN CONTROL WHAT IS OUTSIDE BY FIRST CONTROLLING WHAT IS INSIDE, BECAUSE WHAT IS INSIDE IS THE WAY IT REALLY IS.

IF A PERSON ENTERS YOUR LIFE AND YOU DECIDE, (continued page 34)

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continued from page 33 YOU JUDGE, THAT THEY ARE ROBBING YOU OF YOUR PEACE AND HARMONY AND YOUR RIGHT TO GOODNESS. IT IS NOT THE PERSON THAT HAS ENTERED YOUR LIFE IT IS THE LAW THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED TO CALL THEM FORTH, AND COMPOUNDED UPON THAT IT IS THE LAW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THAT JUDGES THEY'RE DOING SUCH 'N SUCH TO YOU. IT ALL TAKES PLACE IN OUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS. BUT WE HAVE DELUDED OURSELF BY THE THOUGHT OF "I" THAT IT HAS TAKEN PLACE BY SOMEONE ELSE. THAT'S NOT WHERE IT IS. IT NEVER WAS THERE. IT NEVER WILL BE THERE. OUR LIVES, OUR GOODNESS, OUR JOY, OUR PEACE, OUR HAPPINESS, OUR ABUNDANT GOOD IS DEPENDENT UPON WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH OUR THOUGHTS, WHAT WE INSIST ON DOING WITH OUR THOUGHTS, AND THAT'S WHERE IT REALLY IS. BECAUSE IT IS OUR ATTITUDES OF MIND CREATED BY OUR THOUGHTS THAT ESTABLISHES OUR VIBRATION. IT IS OUR VIBRATION THAT EMANATES OUT INTO THE WORLD AND BRINGS BACK INTO OUR LIFE WHAT WE ARE SENDING OUT INTO IT. SO IF WE DON'T LIKE AN EXPERIENCE WE KNOW WHERE TO GO. I CAN ASSURE YOU, MY FRIENDS, WE QUICKLY KNOW WHERE TO GO WHEN WE DO LIKE AN EXPERIENCE. THERE IS, I TELL YOU, IT TAKES BUT A SPLIT SECOND FOR OUR EGO TO LAP UP ALL THE CREDIT OF HOW GOOD THIS TURNED OUT AND HOW GREAT THAT WAS BECAUSE OF WHAT WE HAD DONE. BUT DON'T WE SEE, THE SAME LAW IS WORKING WITH ALL THOSE NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES. IT'S IDENTICALLY THE SAME LAW, THE LAW DIDN'T CHANGE, THE EXPERIENCE CHANGED 'CAUSE WE CHANGED OUR THOUGHTS. THAT'S WHAT WE SENT OUT AND THAT'S WHAT WE GOT BACK.

NOW STOP AND THINK OF HOW QUALIFIED WE ALL ARE. WE ARE SO QUALIFIED IN THE LAW -- SO CLEAR. MAN IS A LAW UNTO HIMSELF. WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THE LAW THAT WE ARE? NOW WE ALL KNOW HOW WE GET ALL THESE EXPERIENCES BACK, ONE DISASTER AFTER ANOTHER -- DOESN'T TAKE ANY TIME AT ALL. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET INTO CERTAIN 34

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TYPES OF THINKING AND ATTITUDES OF MIND AND EVERYTHING FALLS APART. ONE OF MY STUDENTS TOLD ME HERE THE OTHER MONTH, IT'S CALLED "MURPHY'S LAW." ANYTHING GOES WRONG, GOES WRONG. BUT WHAT A WONDERFUL THING THAT WE HAVE WITHIN US THIS GREAT POWER THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH EVERY DISASTER WE COULD POSSIBLY DESIRE, THAT WE COULD HAVE OUR MARRIAGES, OUR MONEY, EVERYTHING FALL APART, THAT WE COULD BE WITHOUT WORK. HUNGRY AND COLD. HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS THAT IT ONLY TAKES LESS THAN SPLIT SECONDS FOR US TO ESTABLISH THOSE WONDERFUL LAWS. WELL, LET'S JUST DIRECT IT THE OTHER WAY. NOW WE ALL KNOW WE CAN DO THOSE BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE NEGATIVE WAY, LET'S TURN IT OVER AND DO IT IN THE POSITIVE WAY. IT'S THE SAME POWER AT WORK. YOU KNOW, GOD IS NOT PARTIAL; THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE IS GOING TO SUSTAIN YOUR DISASTERS, JUST LIKE HE'LL SUSTAIN YOUR PEACE AND HARMONY AND ABUNDANT GOOD. IT'S THE SAME GOD; NEUTRAL, INFINITE AND INTELLIGENT THAT IS SUPPORTING WHATEVER IT IS YOU CHOOSE. YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS -- IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO -- BUT DON'T YOU SEE, IT'S THAT WONDERFUL SAME GOD THAT IS SUPPORTING EVERYTHING. NOW, YOU WANT TO CHOOSE DISASTER -- SOME NEED, EMOTIONAL. YOU KNOW, I KNOW SOME PEOPLE GET A GREAT CHARGE IF THEY'RE READY FOR THE HOSPITAL, THEY THINK THEY'VE GOT CANCER, OR, GO DOWN THE LIST OF DISASTERS...I'VE TAUGHT MY STUDENTS FOR MANY YEARS; YOU SHOW ME ONE BLADE OF GRASS THAT DOESN'T HAVE CANCER, AND I'LL GO OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE." EVERYTHING HAS CANCER. CANCER IS NOTHING BUT A NAME THAT SOME BRAINS GAVE TO THE NEGATIVE CELLS IN FORM WHEN THEY BECOME PREDOMINATE OVER THE POSITIVE FORMS. THAT'S ALL THAT IT EVER WAS. IT'S ONLY RECENTLY WE GAVE IT THIS NAME TAG. THINK, MY FRIENDS, THAT'S ALL IT IS. SO WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT WE'RE WORKING WITH A DELICATE BALANCE. KEEP ENTERTAINING ALL THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS THROUGHOUT LIFE. THEY'LL (continued page 36) 35

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HAVE AN EFFECT 'CAUSE THEY DIRECT ENERGY TO THE
NEGATIVE CELLS WITHIN US. SO THE MORE NEGATIVE
WE ARE, THE MORE WE SUPPORT THE NEGATIVE CELLS
WITHIN AND THEN SOONER OR LATER SOME GREAT
PHYSICIAN COMES ALONG AND SAYS, "OH, YOU POOR
THING, YOU'VE GOT CANCER." WE ALWAYS HAD IT,
IT'S JUST STARTING TO SHOW. THAT'S THE ONLY
DIFFERENCE. THE TREES HAVE IT, THE DOGS HAVE
IT, THE CATS HAVE IT, THE ANTS HAVE IT, EVEN
THE COCKROACHES HAVE IT! THAT'S THE WAY IT IS
IN OLD CREATION.

THERE IS NO DISASTER UNLESS FOR SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL REASON WE HAVE CHOSEN THAT TO MAKE US FEEL GOOD. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MY FRIENDS, SOME PEOPLE FEEL GOOD IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH DISASTERS IN LIFE. THEY FEEL GOOD BECAUSE PEOPLE TELL THEM WHAT A TERRIBLE LIFE THEY HAVE. AND THEY RECEIVE THIS ATTENTION. DON'T YOU SEE? NOW REMEMBER, FEELING GOOD IS EXPERIENCING GOD. MAN HAS CHOSEN HOW HE WILL LET GOD IN. NOW IF YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE BALL GAME TO FEEL GOOD, WELL, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE EXPERIENCING YOUR GOD. BUT WHY LIMIT IT TO THE BALL GAME? YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'RE GONNA STRIKE! THEY JUST GOT BACK AGAIN. SO WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO LIMIT GOD TO A BALL GAME? OR TO A T.V., OR TO CERTAIN FOODS OR TO ANYTHING ELSE? YOU SEE, WE'RE THE ONES LIMITING GOD, GOD DIDN'T LIMIT US. WE HAVE LIMITED GOD'S EXPRESSION THROUGH US. WE CHOOSE HOW WE WILL LET GOD IN. NOW WE KNOW WHAT THOSE EXPERIENCES ARE 'CAUSE WE'RE THE ONES THAT CREATED THEM. WE KNOW WHEN WE FEEL GOOD, ALL RIGHT? SO ALL WE HAVE GOT TO DO -- WE FEEL GOOD -- WE SAY, "AH, I JUST FEEL GREAT. I FEEL REALLY GOOD. WHAT DID I DO?" THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS. YOU SAY, "OH, LOOK WHAT SOMEBODY DID FOR ME." SEE--NOT. WHAT DID I DO. WHEN YOU FEEL GOOD YOU HAVE GOT TO UNDERSTAND, MY FRIENDS, THAT'S WHEN YOU LET GOD IN. WHY LIMIT GOODNESS, OR GOD, TO THE 36 (continued page 43)

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THINK, MY STUDENTS, AND ONCE AGAIN THINK MORE DEEPLY. IDENTIFY, IDENTIFY WITH THAT WHICH IS THE GOODNESS OF THE UNIVERSE, FOR THAT IN TRUTH IS WHAT YOU REALLY ARE. BECOME MORE AWARE IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS, BECOME MORE AWARE OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIVITIES. IDENTIFY IN THE VERY DEPTHS OF YOUR BEING THAT THE FULLNESS AND ABUNDANT GOOD OF LIFE MAY BE YOUR MOMENT BY MOMENT EXPERIENCE.

YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: WILL A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF THE PHILOSOPHY BE AVAILABLE ON TAPE FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

ANSWER: AS NEAR, MY GOOD STUDENTS, AS YOUR VALUE AND THE DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR APPRECIATION THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL AND UNITED EFFORTS, YES.

QUESTION: VARIOUS INSECTS AND ANIMALS REPRESENT DIFFERENT SOUL FACULTIES AND SENSE FUNCTIONS. AS THERE IS NO SEPARATENESS, WILL YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT SIGNIFICANCE THIS HAS FOR US?

ANSWER: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION, PLEASE REPEAT IT THAT WE MAY HAVE A BROADER, OR MORE FULLER UNDERSTANDING, OF WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE QUESTIONER.

QUESTION: VARIOUS INSECTS AND ANIMALS REPRESENT DIFFERENT SOUL FACULTIES AND SENSE FUNCTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE: SPIDERS ARE SAID TO BRING PROSPERITY, AND BUTTERFLIES BEING DISAPPOINTMENT. AS THERE IS NO SEPARATENESS, WE ARE ALL ONE IN THE UNIVERSE, WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT SIGNIFICANCE THIS HAS FOR US?

ANSWER: FIRST WE WISH TO CLARIFY THAT BUTTERFLIES ARE AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF DOUBTS, THAT WILTED FLOWERS ARE ANCIENT SYMBOLS OF DISAPPOINTMENT, AND THAT SPIDERS ARE ANCIENT SYMBOLS OF SUPPLY.

NOW, MY GOOD STUDENTS, IT IS NOT SOMEONE, (continued page 38)

continued from page 37 SOMEWHERE, AT SOME ANCIENT TIME THAT AT RANDOM CHOSE TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT A SPIDER IS A SYMBOL OF SUPPLY, BUT IT IS THE DEMONSTRATION OF THAT PARTICULAR INSECT; IT IS THE DEMONSTRATION THAT THE INSECT IS DOING THAT WHICH REPRESENTS SUPPLY. AND NOW WE MUST QUESTION: DID YOU EVER SEE A SPIDER THAT DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE TO WEAVE A WEB? YOU NEVER DID AND YOU NEVER WILL. AND SO THE SPIDER REPRESENTS THE DIVINE LAW OF ABUNDANT SUPPLY. AND THE SPIDER DEMONSTRATES THAT THIS SUPPLY IS EVER WITHIN. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THE SPIDER IS GATHERING FROM WITHOUT THROUGH WHICH HE IS WEAVING HIS WEB. AND SO IT DEMONSTRATES AND TEACHES TO ALL WHO WISH TO VIEW IT, THAT THE SUPPLY, THE ABUNDANCE THAT YOU SEEK LIES WITHIN YOU, THAT IT IS EVER WAITING FOR YOU TO GO TO WORK -- TO WORK WITHIN AS THE SPIDER DEMONSTRATES IN WEAVING ITS WEB.

NOW, MY STUDENTS, WHEN YOU SPEAK OF THIS PHILOSOPHY, SPEAK WITH THE EFFORTS OF THINKING MORE DEEPLY. DO NOT ACCEPT THINGS ON FACE VALUE. THE SPIDER REPRESENTS SUPPLY BECAUSE OF ITS DEMONSTRATION. THE BUTTERFLY REPRESENTS DOUBT BECAUSE OF THE BUTTERFLY'S DEMONSTRATION. AND SO ON THROUGHOUT ALL CREATION. AS THE COILED SERPENT REPRESENTS WISDOM BY ITS DEMONSTRATION, SO THE UNCOILED SNAKE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF SO-CALLED EVIL BY ITS DEMONSTRATION. THAT IS THE LIVING TRUTH THAT YOU, THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS OF INVESTIGATION AND STUDY, MAY VIEW. TRUTH IS TRUTH -- WHEN THROUGH OUR EFFORTS WE HAVE PERCEIVED IT. AND SO THIS PHILOSOPHY GIVES TO YOU THE MANY GUIDELINES OF STUDY AND APPLICATION, BUT THAT LIGHT OF TRUTH MUST RISE FROM WITHIN YOUR OWN BEING THROUGH YOUR OWN EFFORTS.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU PLEASE CLARIFY WHAT OUR DUTY IS CONCERNING THE JURY AND BEING PLACED IN 38

THE POSITION OF BEING LEGALLY ASKED TO JUDGE ANOTHER SOUL?

ANSWER: HE WHO HAS JUDGED SHALL BE JUDGED. AND SO IT IS. IF IN KEEPING WITH THE LAWS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED, WE ARE TO SERVE ON A JURY, THEN WE HAVE CALLED THAT FORTH FROM THE UNIVERSE FOR A LESSON FOR OURSELF. WE HAVE EARNED THAT OPPORTUNITY, AS ALL OPPORTUNITY IS EARNED. IT IS WHAT WE EARN THAT REVEALS TO US HOW AWAKENED WE ARE AT THAT MOMENT. AS OPPORTUNITY CONSTANTLY IS BEFORE US, WE ARE IN A CONSTANT PROCESS OF CHOICE. AND WHEN WE MAKE CHOICE, AS WE DO EACH MOMENT, WE MAY MAKE CHOICE IN A BALANCED UNIVERSE, KNOWN AS THE FACULTIES AND THE FUNCTIONS, OR IN AN IMBALANCED UNIVERSE OF THE FUNCTIONS ONLY. WHEN WE MAKE THESE CHOICES IN AN IMBALANCED UNIVERSE OF THE FUNCTIONS ONLY, THEN WE ARE CONTROLLED BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE THRONE OF JUDGMENT. TO BE FREE FROM JUDGMENT IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE FULLNESS OF TOTAL CONSIDERATION. AND THAT REQUIRES A PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN THE SOUL FACULTIES AND THE SENSE FUNCTIONS. NOW, MY GOOD STUDENTS, WITH SO MANY EXPERIENCES BOMBARDING THE MIND EACH AND EVERY MOMENT, IT CERTAINLY DOES BEHOOVE US TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO FLOOD THOSE MENTAL REALMS WITH THE POWER OF PEACE. THOUGH YOU MAY NOT AT THIS MOMENT FEEL YOUR QUESTION IS ANSWERED, IT IS SUFFICIENT UNTO THE NEED OF THE QUESTIONER.

QUESTION: ONE OF THE SAYINGS IN THE SERENITY GAME IS "A DEATH WISH IS AN INTENSE DESIRE OF THE EDUCATED CONSCIOUS TO ELIMINATE GUILT IN ORDER THAT THE SOUL MAY BE FREE." WILL YOU PLEASE ELABORATE UPON THIS UNDERSTANDING?

ANSWER: THE EDUCATED CONSCIOUS, AS I'M SURE MOST OF YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE, IS THAT WHICH WE HAVE EARNED IN OUR PRESENT LIFE EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE EARNED IT AS AN EFFECT OF (continued page 40)

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CENTURIES, OF COURSE, OF EVOLUTION. THE
EDUCATED CONSCIOUS IS AWARE OF THE DUALITY, OF
COURSE, OF CREATION, AND WITHIN THAT AWARENESS
IS AN INNER KNOWING, AN INNER KNOWING OF A
HIGHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSESS THAT IS THE TRUE
HOME THAT IT DESIRES TO REACH. THIS DEATH WISH
WHICH EVERYONE IS EXPERIENCING, NOT
SPASMODICALLY NOW AND THEN, BUT THE DEATH WISH
IS SOMETHING THAT IS EVER WITHIN THE HUMAN
MIND.

THE HUMAN MIND IS A DUAL INSTRUMENT, IS IN A CONSTANT PROCESS OF DESIRE, AND THE NEED TO FULFILL ITS DESIRE, AND BEING A DUAL INSTRUMENT, CONSTANTLY VIEWS WHAT IT DICTATES IS THE OBSTRUCTION TO THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS DESIRES. AS IT VIEWS THE OBSTRUCTION, IT WISHES FOR THE REMOVAL, ELIMINATION, OR DEATH OF WHAT IT HAS JUDGED TO BE ITS OBSTRUCTION.

NOW AN OLD TEACHING CLEARLY STATES THAT A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND. AND SO IT IS THAT WE STUMBLE ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE. ONE PART OF US CONSTANTLY WISHING FOR ANOTHER PART TO DIE. BECAUSE WE PERMIT OURSELVES TO VIEW LIFE FROM REALMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT SEE ONLY FORM OR CREATION. WE WILL, HOWEVER, AND WE DO MORE OFTEN THAN WE REALIZE, WE DO RISE TO HIGHER LEVELS. AND WE DO LOOK AND SEE THAT IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A NEUTRALITY THERE MUST BE OPPOSING FORCES OF CREATION. BE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED THAT A PART OF THE MIND IS IN A CONSTANT PROCESS OF WISHING SOMETHING TO DIE, FOR AS IT DIRECTS THIS ENERGY TO THAT WISH, THE LAW OF THE MIND IS BROUGHT INTO BALANCE. THE MIND IS NOT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE VIEWED WITH DISTASTE FOR IT HAS BEEN WISELY DESIGNED TO SERVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED.

WHEN, IN TIME, WE WEARY OF MOVING BACK AND FORTH IN THE REALMS OF MIND, WE SET INTO MOTION A LAW OF SOMETHING BETTER. AND BY ENTERTAINING THE THOUGHT, ENTERTAINING THE POSSIBILITY, WE

BEGIN TO MOVE THROUGH THOSE REALMS. ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM A LONG TIME BEFORE WE GET THROUGH THEM, WE DO, WE DO INDEED, GET THROUGH THEM. SO LET US NOT VIEW THE VEHICLES THROUGH WHICH WE ARE EXPRESSING AS SOMETHING DISTASTEFUL OR NOT TRULY USEFUL.

AS WE GO ON IN LIFE THE MIND BECOMES MORE REFINED, AND SO DOES THE BODY THAT IT MOVES. AND THESE OTHER BODIES, THEY BECOME MORE, AND MORE AND MORE REFINED. AS THE BODIES THROUGH WHICH THE SOUL IS EXPRESSING BECOME MORE REFINED, IN THE REFINEMENT THEY BECOME MORE UNIVERSAL UNTIL THEY BECOME A PART OF THE WHOLE OF WHICH IN TRUTH THEY ARE, AND YOU MOVE BEYOND TIME AND SPACE. THERE ARE NO LIMITS FOR YOU ARE LIMITLESS. AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THAT LIMITLESSNESS IS INDEED WHAT MANY CALL THE COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS -- THE TRUE INNER AWAKENING.

BUT THAT WHICH IS HEALTHY IS A SLOW, SURE AND STEADY GROWTH. YOU CANNOT MOVE FROM LIMITED IDENTITY TO LIMITLESS BEING IN ONE SHORT LEAP. ALL OF THIS REFINEMENT IS TAKING PLACE, AND IN TRUTH SERVING A GOOD PURPOSE. MY GOOD STUDENTS, IN THE YEARS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WITH US, THE THINGS OF YESTERYEAR, SO MANY OF THEM, SEEM SO SMALL, SO PETTY. THEY NO LONGER SERVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE DESIGNED, AND THEY PASS ON. AND WE THROUGH THAT PROCESS BECOME MORE AND MORE REFINED. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS TAKING PLACE. AND IN TRUTH WE ALL, OUR FORMS, OUR THOUGHTS, WHICH ARE FORMS, ARE CHANGING. WE ARE CHANGING CONSTANTLY. LET THE CHANGE BE JOYOUS, FOR REGARDLESS, AND NO MATTER WHAT WE DO WE CANNOT STOP EVOLUTION. WE CANNOT STOP CHANGING. IF YOU ARE WEARY OF CHANGE, THE LAW OF EVOLUTION, THEN YOU MUST MAKE THE EFFORT TO GO BEYOND IT FOR IT IS ONLY THE FORMS THAT CHANGE. THE TRUE BEING, THE ESSENCE, THE PRINCIPLE WHICH YOU TRULY ARE, DOES NOT CHANGE FOR IT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND CREATION, AND (continued page 42) 41

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THEREFORE EVOLUTION. THE SOUL THROUGH WHICH THE
DIVINE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE TRUE YOU, THE SOUL,
A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH THE ESSENCE EXPRESSES,
THAT EVOLVES. YOU NEVER CHANGE. YOU NEVER HAVE
CHANGED, AND YOU NEVER WILL CHANGE.

YOUR IDENTITY CHANGES, BECAUSE IDENTITY IS FORM. ALL THINGS THAT ARE FORM, BEING ALL THOUGHTS, CHANGE. AND SO THE MIND ASKS, "WHO AM I." "WHAT AM I," AND "WHERE AM I?" "WHERE HAVE I BEEN, AND WHERE AM I GOING?" MY STUDENTS, YOU HAVE BEEN MANY PLACES AND YOU HAVE BEEN MANY. MANY THINGS. WHERE ARE WE GOING? WE ARE GOING ONWARD, AND ONWARD, AND ONWARD, AWAKENING EACH AND EVERY STEP OF THE WAY THAT WE MAY FINALLY ACCEPT WE ARE NOT THE FORM, WE ARE NOT THE THOUGHT, WE ARE THAT GREAT ESSENCE THAT MOVES IT ALL. ACCEPT THAT TRUTH IN THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART. YOU ARE THE PRINCIPLE, THE ESSENCE, THE LIGHT, AND THE LOVE OF LIFE. THAT IS WHAT WE TRULY ARE. AND WHEN THAT IS FULLY AWAKENED, YOU WILL SAIL ON A SEA OF HARMONY AND PEACE. YOU WILL STILL BE IN THE WORLD BUT NO LONGER A PART OF IT.

AND IT BRINGS TO MIND THAT LITTLE SAYING, "ONCE I WAS AN APPLE, AND THEN I WAS A TREE, AND WHEN I AM AN APPLE TREE, I'LL NO LONGER BE JUST ME." THINK ABOUT THAT, MY FRIENDS. THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU LONG AGO AND REVEALS TRUTH SO PURE AND SIMPLE IN REFERENCE TO THE LAW OF REPETITION AND IDENTITY. AND REMEMBER THAT YOU CANNOT SEPARATE THE LAW OF REPETITION AND THE LAW OF IDENTITY. THEY ARE INSEPARABLE. THEY ARE A UNITED ONENESS THROUGH WHICH THE RIVER OF LIFE FLOWS FOREVER, AND EVER, AND EVER. GOODNIGHT.

(This class, given on October 6, 1977, is available on recorded cassette tape.)

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HUMAN MIND THAT SAYS SUCH AND SUCH AND SUCH AND
SUCH HAS GOT TO HAPPEN. YOUR BOSS COMES AND
SAYS YOU DID A GOOD JOB, YOU GOT A FIFTY DOLLAR
A WEEK RAISE, SO YOU FEEL GOOD. BUT WHY DO YOU
WANT TO LIMIT GOD TO YOUR EMPLOYER? THINK ABOUT
IT. THANK YOU, FRIENDS.

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DEAFNESS, AND YOUR EARS NO LONGER SERVE THE
PURPOSE OF PERCEPTION. THEY CAUSE YOU
DUMBNESS, AND YOUR TONGUE NO LONGER SERVES THE
PURPOSE OF TRUTH. THEY CAUSE YOU DECEPTION,
AND YOUR LIPS NO LONGER SERVE THE PURPOSE OF
ASPIRATION. THINK, AND THINK MORE DEEPLY. YOU
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE ETERNAL MOMENT
CALLED NOW TO MAKE YOUR CHANGES; YEA, EVEN
MORE, FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST CHANGE YOU MAKE
THIS MOMENT WILL SAVE YOU YEARS HEREAFTER.
GOODNIGHT.

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